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SUBJECT: GABON'S RESPONSE TO RENEWING THE SUDAN SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR MANDATE AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

REF: A. SECSTATE 55852
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Classified By: Ambassador Eunice Reddick per E.O. 12948 1.4 (b) and (d)

Ambassador and French Ambassador Jean-Didier Roisin delivered Ref A demarche June 5 to Foreign Minister Paul Toungui. Toungui acknowledged the importance of protecting human rights in Sudan, but also pointed to the "complicated situation" in Sudan that requires careful consideration of the mechanisms in place. He said he would consider our request regarding the mandate extension for the Special Rapporteur and the HRC resolution. Regarding our request for coordination with the US, EU, French, UK and EU Missions in Geneva, Toungui said that Gabon's Mission would be receiving instructions soon. Toungui closed by welcoming the U.S. to the HRC. Comment: The French Ambassador shares Embassy view that Toungui is likely to consult with AU PSC President and former Gabonese FM Jean Ping prior to determining Gabon's position and sending instructions to Gabon's Mission in Geneva. Reaction to specific text, per Ref B, is also likely to follow consultation with Ping.
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